

## Burglars to share how Park Ridge residents can prevent break-ins

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**Maudessie Jinter of the Chicago Police Department talks to Park Ridge residents during the "Keepin' It Real" burglary prevention program on March 13, 2013 at City Hall. (Photo from Sun-Times Media Files)**

The Park Ridge Police Department will conduct a second presentation on how citizens can prevent burglaries — by using speakers who have been convicted committing burglaries themselves.

The “Keepin’ it Real” program will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place.

The presentation, offered by the Park Ridge Police Department in partnership with the Chicago Police Department and Illinois Department of Corrections, will feature inmates who will talk about the crimes they have committed, their methods, why they chose the buildings they burglarized and what may have deterred them from breaking into a house or vehicle.

The inmates are currently in the work release phase of their sentence. Audience members are invited to participate in a question-and-answer session with the speakers and learn ways they can prevent becoming a victim of a burglary.

The police department hosted a similar program last spring. During that program, convicted burglars dispelled myths that leaving lights on or installing burglar alarms can deter criminals, and offered suggestions like hiding video cameras and keeping valuables in hard-to-find places.

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